



Section 8 of the Watershed Plan: Monitoring and Evaluating Success

Regular updates/reviews of Watershed Plans are necessary to reflect the constantly changing conditions, pressures and trends in a watershed. The Lynde Creek Watershed Plan will be reviewed in five years to determine if the recommendations and Action Plans have been effective so decisions are made moving forward on how to best continue protecting, restoring and enhancing the watershed. The Action Plans, status of achieving watershed health targets, effectiveness of the Watershed Plan implementation in Official Plans, and the ways in which our other partners and stakeholders have been engaged through the implementation of the Watershed Plan will be examined during the five-year review process.

Section 9 of the Watershed Plan: Key Watershed Planning Messages Moving Forward

Everyone has a role in watershed health

Watershed planning is about more than knowing where our trees, animals and fish are. It is about how guidance, based on the ecological features and functions of an area, can be provided for decision-makers so that a healthy watershed remains a priority as an area grows and develops. The everyday actions of all stakeholders in the watershed to protect, restore and enhance the natural features and functions of the Lynde Creek Watershed are vital for achieving watershed health.

Implementation = Action = Success

Much work needs to be done to achieve the watershed targets. It is not enough to simply identify where we need and want to go for watershed health, rather, we have to systematically take action on each of the priorities in order to realize the benefits that a healthy and resilient watershed will provide for the health, well being and prosperity of its residents.

Some of the identified watershed targets will be harder to achieve than others simply based on how much degradation has occurred to each watershed component to date. However, all targets can be achieved through effective and efficient cooperation between stakeholders to make the protection, restoration and enhancement of this watershed a priority.

This Watershed Plan Can Affect Change

This plan can affect change through the enforcement of watershed recommendations at the municipal level; protection, restoration and enhancement work; stewardship, education and awareness activities in the community; and participation in the process of achieving watershed targets by the development community through innovative design and compliance to policy. This Watershed Plan is the tool to lead all efforts to achieve and maintain a healthy watershed.

